(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a Media Commission;

(b) whether it is due to the rise in the number of TV channels; and

(c) if so, the role of this Media Commission?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) The proposal and its various aspects are under examination.

FDI in news channels

2742. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have referred the issue of foreign investment in news channels and their uplinking to a Group of Ministers to take a view;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry's proposal include the nature of investment entities;

(c) if so, by when the Group of Ministers is likely to submit its recommendations; and

(d) what are the other issues that has been referred to this Group of Ministers?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (d) The Government have constituted a Group of Ministers (GoM) to examine the proposal for Review of the existing Uplinking Policy. The GoM is yet to finalize its recommendations. The time frame cannot be indicated.

Studio centres

2743. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state: